(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is working on India's first formal anti spam law in order to enable net users to get rid of net nuisance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the study conducted on Internet Security by one of the International industry leader, 76% of e-mail messages originating in India amounts to spam. However, this is only 1% to total spam e-mail messages generated worldwide.

(b) and (c) Section 43 & 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provides a legal framework to check spam and unsolicited e-mail in the country. Further a Bill to amend Information Technology Act, 2000 was introduced in the Parliament on 15th December, 2006 to strengthen the legal framework and provisions pertaining to cyber crimes including spam in the principal Act.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Availability of Uranium in Ladakh

†1010. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists have claimed the availability of uranium in the ice-covered areas of Ladakh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after testing the samples taken from the rocks of Ladakh areas in the German laboratory, availability of uranium in heavy quantity here has been confirmed; and

(c) if so, the extent of time required for comprehensive information about getting uranium and starting mining in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The scientists of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, have participated for 3 years during 1973-75 in Puga-Chumathang multi-purpose multi-disciplinary project of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ladakh area. Detailed investigations have been carried out near Chumathang area. AMD has reported low grade uranium mineralization in association with fluorite mineralization in a shear zone from Chumathang area. Grab samples (whole rock) have been analyzed and found to contain up to 0.021% U_3O_8.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indo-Russian deal in atomic energy

†1011. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed between India and Russia in the past

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.